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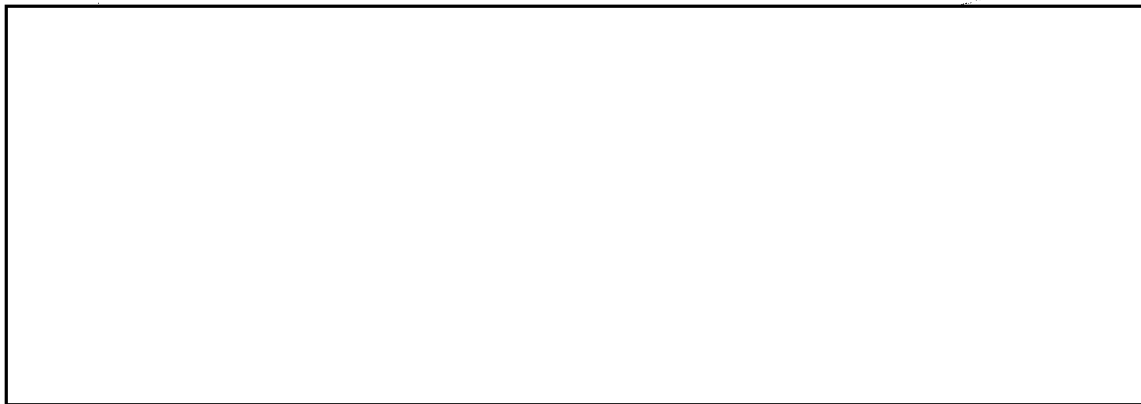
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: COINS Committee Meeting

1. The COINS Committee met at NSA on 15 March 1968. Attending were:



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2. Participating agency reports for inclusion in the COINS Semiannual Status Report as of 31 March 1968 were received from CIA, DIA and NIC. Mr. Stein of State indicated "no change" in status since the report of 30 September 1967.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting of 16 February were approved for publication and dissemination with a minor change.

4. Reference minutes of the meeting of 16 February, paragraph 2. A discussion was held relative to the format for recording descriptive information on agency files in the COINS experiment. [redacted] clarified certain questions posed by [redacted] of CIA. The proposed format was accepted by the Committee.

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5. A panel headed by [redacted] of CIA was appointed by the Chairman, CODIB to recommend the information files to be included in the COINS Experiment and the criteria for selecting and approving future COINS files. The panel completed and submitted its report on 8 March. The report was discussed at this meeting. [redacted] will prepare and present for Committee consideration at the next meeting a Technical Memorandum of Agreement to express the feelings of the Committee relative to the conclusions reached by the COINS file study panel.

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6. A discussion was held on the status of the COINS 1 Experiment. Some questions for consideration generated during this discussion were: Is COINS 1 restricted to an experiment for a limited time only? Should the Committee continue to consider any system improvements (e.g., common interrogation language or multi-level security)? Should the present rudimentary system concepts be frozen for a fixed period for purposes of evaluation?

7. [redacted] will present for Committee consideration at the next meeting a draft of a proposed TMA delineating the mission and functions of the Computer and Communications Interface Panel.

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8. Additional copies are required of the DIA publication, "Test Facilities and Implementation Guide", dated 1 March 1967. This document includes COINS Network conventions and a comprehensive description of the DIA remote access computer system and COINS Network Switch. For example, NIC, a COINS participant did not receive a copy of this very important document. Capt. Scott of DIA will determine if additional copies are readily available, or will investigate the possibility of having additional copies published.

25X1 9. [] announced that the IBM 7740 COINS Network Switch would be replaced in July by an IBM 360/30 with an additional 360/30 providing backup.

25X1 10. [] of CIA will make a presentation to the Committee on Security for the U. S. Intelligence Board at the meeting of 25 March in which he will suggest that the committee address itself to the problem of security in computer systems. The subject as shown on the committee agenda is, "Security in the ADP Environment". For example, the COINS multi-level security problem, and operation of an agency system in a TOP SECRET SI environment at one time and a non-SI environment at another time.

25X1 11. [] announced that the COINS Semiannual Report currently in preparation will include the following:

a. A summary of recommendations included in the previous report and actions resulting.

b. COINS Situation Papers No's. 1 through 4.

c. Examples of NSA to DIA and DIA to NSA interrogations and replies.

12. Reference minutes of 1 December 1967.

a. Paragraph 4. The status of an NSA study to establish a "Switch free" COINS Network was questioned. [] informed the Committee that the study was still underway by NSA engineers.

b. Paragraph 6. A report of an NSA contractor study of information retrieval languages, including those under development or available in COINS participating agency systems, is due sometime this summer.

13. The next Committee meeting was scheduled for 1000 hours, Friday, 29 March at NPIC.

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